CAO Meeting # 25 (05/01/2023)

Present: Jagan Srinivasan (Co-Chair, BBT), Laureen Elgert (Co-chair, IGS), Steven Van Dessel (CEAE), Sarah Miles (Registrar), Milosh Puchovsky (FPE), Paul Reilly (Assistant Dean of Student Success), Arne Gericke (CBC, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies),

Absent: Qingshuo Song (MA), Danielle Cote (Secretary, MME), Nick Blank (Dir. of Academic Programs),

Guests: Kylar Foley (Student Representative)

Date and Time: Monday May 1, 2023, 2pm
Location: Virtual meeting via video conference

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Old Business

1. A motion to approve the minutes from the CAO meeting of April 24, 2023, was reviewed and approved.

New Business

2. A motion from the STEM Education Center in collaboration with the Undergraduate Studies department to request that ID 4000, “Special Topics in Teacher Preparation: Practicum Seminar” be added as an ID course, was approved.

3. A motion from the Business Department requesting to add MIS 2300 “Business Applications of Blockchain” to the undergraduate catalog, was approved.

4. A motion to add MIS 3787 “Business Applications of Machine Learning” to the Data Science Program list of Disciplinary Elective Courses in Data Science Major and the Data Science Minor list of Business Courses in the Undergraduate Catalog, was approved.

5. A motion from the Department of Humanities and Arts to add GN2500 “German for Professional Purposes” to the undergraduate catalog, was denied. The committee requested the dept to resubmit the motion next academic year and encouraged the anticipated instructor to meet with the committee to better clarify the need for the new course.

6. A motion on behalf of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the Systems Engineering Program that ES 3501 (A Project-Based Introduction to Systems Engineering) be changed from a “Cat. I” course to a “Cat. III” course, was tabled pending further clarification from the ES department.

7. A motion from the STEM Education Center and Undergraduate Studies requesting to add EDU as a subject code for WPI courses, was approved.
8. A petition to readmit a student after Suspension, was denied with encouragement to the student to work with academic advising to gather documentation necessary for evaluating the academic value of the activities undertaken during suspension.

9. A motion to assemble the CAO summer team, was discussed. Prof. Van Dessel volunteered to serve on the summer team along with Sarah Miles, Paul, Reilly. Qingshuo Song or Danielle Cote will be asked if they are available to serve on the summer team. Laureen Elgert kept herself available as a possible member should they not be available to serve on the summer team.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Van Dessel, acting secretary, CAO